

the third area deals with handicap access that is mandated by the federal government. The money goes into a fund; the money is spent for these three areas only. It was established back in the 1970s because a number of agencies refused to do the basic maintenance that was needed for the structure, so as a result the 309 Task Force was created. Normally, the 309 Task Force money goes to energy, as well as handicap, as well as roofing needs. But this year the original request was in the tens of millions of dollars that was needed for replacement. And the committee...and the Governor proposed providing for \$2 million for each year, or 4 million over the fiscal biennium. The 309 Task Force felt that the money should have been in the neighborhood of about \$6 million, even with the pared down demands. So the committee wrestled with what was the best approach. The Appropriations Committee chose to support the Governor's proposal of 2 million each year, and the committee chose to provide an additional \$500,000 per year of additional funds. Now we felt that it was important that the members be aware of what this money will be used for. Now, understand that this money is not earmarked. But in talking to the director of the 309 Task Force, as well as the other individuals that work with this agents or task force, they provided us with specifics. And the specifics that you have before you show that they really needed to do these additional repairs. And in the neighborhood...dealt with the State Building Division, or the State Capitol, the promenade deck, UNL's Devaney Sports Center, as well as power plant generators. Now that was an energy item. And...as well as the State Fair Board Open Air Auditorium, and Industrial Arts Building. Now the committee pared this down even further, and they said, no, we could ask for another \$1 million per year, but we don't feel that that's probably going to pass in this body. So we pared it down and we got very specific as to what that money would probably be used for. Now the money will be used to replace the roof along the promenade deck, around the Capitol, and the money will probably be used for the Devaney Sports Center, which will have a total cost of \$750,000, but the first fiscal year cost will be approximately 175,000. And the final area of the money will be used for the Open Air Auditorium, for the State Fair Board. And I don't know how many of you have been out to see that facility, but it's probably the building that is in the worst disrepair in the state. And, looking at it we, should either make two decisions. One, either fund the roof, or tear the building down, because I believe it's a health hazard, because if one of those timbers fell on some individual, we could have a rather expensive